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11 out of 46 projects in CBD completed; just 23% of Smart City work done

HOW SMART IS BENGALURU?

Why Bengaluru was ranked 48

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Just 23% of the smart city projects have been completed so far by Bengaluru Smart City Limited (BSCL).

However, according to Vinayak Sugur, chief engineer, BSCL, there are no projects in the tendering stage at the moment and all the ongoing projects are works in progress.

"We have 46 projects in the Central Business District area and out of these, we have completed 11 projects so far. As many as 18 projects, which are mostly road infrastructure works, are nearing completion too. If one looks at the physical progress percentage and financial progress, almost 90% of the work on these 18 projects is completed. For instance, we have completed all the work on Millers Road except a 50-metre stretch," said Sugur.

As per data from the Ministry of Housing

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"We were selected in the third round of the Smart Cities Mission in 2018; our initial ranking was 74...We will complete all projects by July 2023. — Vinayak Sugur, chief engineer, BSCL

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Birds in passage

BNP expecting 10 vultures from Pinjore Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre in Haryana

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 The mother tongue

Ranga Shankara presents 'Emotions and Mother Tongue' by Praveen Alva. The one-hour set will involve and engage the audience with folk melodies sung in contemporary sensibilities and arrangements. Born and brought up in Mangalore, Praveen Alva was surrounded by the rich culture of the land. Being creatively inclined from a young age, he has been involved in theatre groups during his academic years and has written and performed plays and street plays in Kannada, Hindi and Tulu. **Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar; When: May 8, 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm Entry: Free, 080 2649 3982**

02 Shoppers' paradise

Hi Life Exhibition, one of the most exciting and exclusive fashion exhibitions of India with exclusive designs of haute couture, personal style, home décor and luxury products, is back in the city. The top renowned designers from across India will be showcasing some of their best designer works of art, from wedding ensembles, designer apparels and jewellery to fashion accessories, home accessories to furnishing concepts to new-age art. **Where: The Lalit Ashok, Seshadripuram; When: May 8, 10 am – 8 pm**

03 Books and beyond

Check out a book talk on 'Gaban' (embezzlement) a Hindi novel by Munshi Premchand, published by Saraswati Press in 1931. Through this novel, he tries to show "the falling moral values among lower middle class Indian youth in the era of British India", and to what heights a person can get to, to reach the world of elite class, and maintain the false image as a rich person. It is considered Premchand's best work, after Godaan. Gaban was adapted into a 1966 Hindi film with the same name by Hrishikesh Mukherjee. **Where: Urban Solace, 32, Annaswamy Mudaliar Road; When: May 8, 11.30 am to 1 pm; Entry: Free, 9845013055, 9945022177**

The power of Tornadoes

Army Service Corps (ASC) Military Band and ASC Tornadoes performed in front of an enthralled audience on Saturday. Lieutenant General Manoj Kumar Singh Yadav, Sena Medal, Director General Supply and Transport & Senior Colonel Commandant, Army Service Corps (ASC) visited ASC Centre and College to witness the ongoing training activities.
ASC Tornadoes have been pioneers since its inception in 1967 and have also won many accolades on national and international levels. The team is stationed at ASC Centre (South), Bengaluru and comprises 39 riders.

Vultures to get a new home in Namma B'luru

Around 10 vultures from northern Haryana are set to make Bannerghatta National Park their address later this year as part of a breeding project

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The wildlife division of the Karnataka Forest Department is counting days now. Sometime this year, the department's Vulture Breeding Centre at Bannerghatta National Park (BNP) is expecting to get around 10 vultures from Pinjore Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre in northern Haryana.

A first of its kind, the project is crucial. A successful introduction and breeding of this endangered bird will ensure the restoration of the raptor's dwindling population in the city and state.

The department says birds will be brought by air as travel by road will be time-consuming and stressful for them.

"Time is the biggest concern if we transfer the birds to BNP from Pinjor, by road. The process will take at least two to three days. Transfer by road happens by putting birds in boxes. However, once inside the boxes, birds will not be able to stretch their wings. They might refuse to take food and water.

"The best way is to fly them with the help of a private airline. There are direct flights available from Chandigarh to Bengaluru," said Prabhakar Priyadarshi, deputy conservator of forests, BNP.

The department is going all out to make this relocation successful. "There are many critical nuances involved in the process. We are dealing with a sensitive creature that is considered to be endangered. We will begin with the translocation of a small number of birds so that we can closely assess how they are adjusting to the conditions at BNP.

"We will scale up the number only after the successful survival of the first set of birds," said Vijaykumar Gogi, principal chief conservator of forest (wildlife), Karnataka Forest Department.

According to the officials, it will be a mix of 70 per cent babies and 30 per cent adult vultures. The young ones will be between one-to three-years-old. Authorities say that they decided to get a mixed population so that the breeding program could take off sooner.

"Vultures enter reproductive age at four and thus, we have decided to include adults in our breeding program. If we get all young ones, the process will take time.," said a Forest Department official.

Breeding wild birds in captivity, according to the experts, is a tedious task. They say while birds' eggs fail to hatch even in the natural environment, incidents of failure can be much higher in the case of endangered species in captivity. Moreover, the eggs of captive birds are more likely to be infertile than those of wild birds.

"The birds need to be stress-free and familiar with their surroundings to lay eggs. The breeding season begins in September and they lay eggs around December. We are hoping that the birds being brought from Pinjor will start laying eggs from the first breeding season itself," said Priyadarshi.

As per the standard procedure, the principal chief conservator of forest in Karnataka will soon be sending an official letter to the principal chief conservator of forest in Haryana.

Once both the officials agree to the relocation, a letter will be sent to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to obtain the final permission for the process.

"Once the permission is obtained, we will also be sending an expert team to Pinjor to assess the health of the vultures. Once we have all the permissions and clearances, it should not take more than two to three months to get the bird at the sanctuary," informed Priyadarshi.

PICTURE FOR REPRESENTATION ONLY

Vultures are a critically endangered species and wildlife experts say the population numbers must go up soon

> "We hope the birds start laying eggs from the first breeding season itself
> – Prabhakar Priyadarshi, BNP

Fatality check

City's deaths increased by 15.55% in 2020 — covid year

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Bengaluru's death rate in Covid year is higher than the national average. According to the latest statistics accessed from the Civil Registration System (CRS) data, the number of deaths in the country in 2020 (the first year of Covid in the country) had increased by six per cent. However, in Bengaluru, the deaths increased by a whopping 15.5% in 2020 in comparison with the 2019 numbers.

In 2019, 72,861 people had died due to various reasons. This data has been procured based on the death certificate issued by the authorities. In 2020, the annual deaths for the city increased to 84,186. This means, there was an addition of 11,325 in 2020 alone. In 2020, there were 4,330 covid deaths according to the data of the Department of Health and Family Welfare. It may be noted that covid started from March and so the first three months could have seen only other deaths and secondly, only those deaths registered are accounted for.

Deaths in Karnataka over a decade

2011	3,84,745
2012	4,07,015
2013	4,13,635
2014	4,11,533
2015	3,93,731
2016	4,20,774
2017	4,81,747
2018	4,83,511
2019	5,08,584
2020	5,51,808

Going by this figure, the annual deaths in 2021 could be much higher. The deaths in Karnataka have seen a rise of 8.5% in 2020.

The CRS data shows that the number of registered deaths have gone up from 76.4 lakh in 2019 to 81.2 lakh in 2020. States like Maharashtra, Bihar, Gujarat, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam, and Haryana have contributed significantly in the increased number of deaths registered from 2019 to 2020.

File photo of a health worker in a PPE kit collecting swab samples of out station bus passengers for covid tests at Majestic

39.9% of people die under 70 yrs

If we look at the death statistics of the State; some startling facts emerge. It disproves the fact that infants are a majority of those deceased.

Instead, the number of fatalities goes up with age. Out of 5,51,808 deaths registered in 2020; 1.56% died within a year; 0.1% in first year; 0.5% when they are less than five years old; 1.97% within 15 years of age; 4.27% die under 25 years; 7.62% under 35; 12.8% under 45 years; 18.2% under 55; 12% under 65; 39.9% under 70 and rest are not stated with age.

As far as infant deaths are considered in a decade, there is a welcome change. From 17,286 a year in 2014 in Karnataka, infant deaths dropped to 10,648 in 2019 and 8,620 in 2020 in the State.

> **"Our Covid mortality report is accurate. We have followed a robust methodology and our numbers reflect primary data sources** – Dr K Sudhakar

Dip in births too

While there was an increase in deaths in 2020, there was a decrease in births too. In 2020, 1,44,186 were born in Bengaluru Urban district down from 1,59,181 registered in 2019. Bengaluru numbers are consistent with the State statistics. The birth rates in Karnataka have been decreasing consistently though there has been an occasional rise. The statistics shows that except in 2016 when there was an increase, the number of births registered in a year is constantly falling. In 2011, 11,08,562 births were registered; 2012-11,24,490; 2013-10,68,671; 2014-10,87,530; 2015-10,53,248; 2016-11,07,258; 2017-10,99,019; 2018-10,28,934; 2019-10,47,877 and 2020-9,88,143. Surprisingly, 2020 was the first year in the history of this century when the births in the State had fallen below a million annually.

'Karnataka is transparent'

Meanwhile, reacting to the World Health Organisation's report on excess deaths in India, Minister for Health, Family Welfare and Medical Education Dr K Sudhakar said, "Our Covid mortality report is accurate. We have followed a robust methodology and our numbers reflect primary data sources. Unfortunately, there have been 40,600 deaths till date and officially recorded."

Bengalureans brace for stormy nights

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After a terrible heat wave in the city, the residents in the city are finally enjoying the heavy showers. However, while the temperature has brought some respite from the punishing summer, the incessant rains have brought with it a fair share of problems.

Lakshmi K, running a tea stall in Gollahalli, Kengeri, said, "My shop can barely withstand the stormy weather; the heavy winds along with the water have wrecked my shop. There were two stools for sitting, even those flew off into the wind. Not many people have been able to come to my shop so we are running low on funds also."

Amitha Gowda, a resident of Kengeri, said that due to the heavy rains, the road conditions have become too bad. "The road in front of us is full of potholes and during rain, the water fills inside these holes and makes the road dangerous. I've seen people fall down because they did not realise there was a pothole."

Met predicts rains for two more days

The Met Department has said that for the next 48 hours, Bengaluru is likely to have cloudy skies with rain/thundershowers. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be around 33 and 21 degree Celsius respectively. Meanwhile, the KSNDMC campus near Yelahanka received the highest rainfall of two centimetres. Gusty wind from south-easterly direction followed by squall was reported in Bengaluru on Friday; wind speed reaching 60 kmph at 4.20 pm.

Frequent power cuts are another issue that go hand-in-hand with rains in Bengaluru. Jijesh RG, a resident of Kumbalgodu said, "I'm working from home currently and every time it rains, the power goes off; this has hampered my work so much. There was a time when I had no option but to take leave because there was no power the whole night and I could not charge my laptop."

A woman holds up an umberalla to shield from sudden rain in the city

The heavy rains have also uprooted many trees in the area, which has made the situation even more chaotic. Rajesh M, a resident of the area, said that a tree fell in front of his house. "The tree has not yet been moved yet and we are facing a lot of problems as a lot of cars are getting stuck."

FAKE NEWS BUSTER MIRROR

VACCINES ARE SAFE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN TOO

THE CLAIM

Posts are circulating online claiming that a Pfizer document reveals that covid-19 vaccines are not safe for pregnant women and those breastfeeding. Social media users are sharing screenshots of a document with parts of its text underlined and circled in red, including "covid-19 mRNA Vaccine BNT162b2 is not recommended during pregnancy".

SO, WHAT'S THE TRUTH?

According to a Reuters factcheck, the screenshot referenced in these social media posts, in fact shows information from Britain's Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) in 2020, which has since been updated. Health authorities in Britain and the United States where m-RNA vaccines are currently being used recommend covid-19 vaccination for pregnant and breastfeeding women. In both the countries, a large number of pregnant women have been safely vaccinated. — Reuters

BUST FAKE NEWS WITH MIRROR

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TOPCOMMENTS

Can technology not be used to track down real culprits?

Our story 'Grim tipper' has got a few angry responses. **A user titled Gold Spot writes,** Police searches cell tower dumps regularly to see who is visiting Brigade Road dance bars. They then put false charges against harmless citizens. However, the same technology is not used when it comes to trying to identify the people behind some crime, writes another reader. A reader Sri V writes, that tipper lorries are owned by local political mafia. So there is no case. Another reader Swamy writes, how is it that when a common person dies on the road, there is not much commitment towards finding the culprits. Is it so because the people behind the tipper lorry are powerful or is it just that our police are overworked?

WEBHITS

3 most-read articles on the Mirror site

- Grim tipper
- Want To Buy Property Before You Turn 40?
- New academic year sparks off debate

A perfect site for mothers' day

Many in the city buying property, dedicating it to their mothers as a perfect gift

It is every mother's dream that her son/daughter construct a house or buy a property to build a home in the future. So, it is the right time for you to buy a house or invest in property so that you can fulfill your mother's wish on this Mother's Day. In fact, many Bengalureans are now planning to buy properties to gift it to their parents.

Kusuma S, a chartered accountant, said, "My mother came to Bengaluru from a village. For most part of her life, she lived in a rented house and wanted to own a house. Now, I have decided to buy a property as I want to fulfil my mother's last wish. " Devika R, a mother of two said, when her mother was working,

she could buy a property in Bengaluru but not a car. "Now, I can buy a car as well as property. So, I want to buy property now so that it will be expensive in the future. So, today, I am buying property as a fitting tribute to my mother," she said.

Shiva Kumar has named his new house 'Amma'. He says that it was his mother's dream to buy a house in Bengaluru. He has worked hard to ensure that his mother's dream has come true. Many property buyers in the city say that there is a trend to buy property to gift to their parents. "This mother's day, we are getting a lot of inquiries from clients who want it as a gift for their mothers. This is in fact, a nice trend," said Rajesh R, a property developer.

Pushpa Reddy said, this is because owning a property in Bengaluru is a big thing. "My parents were from a village and always dream of buying a plot in the city but it was always out of reach for them. Now, I am fulfilling their wish by giving them property. What better gift can it be than buying a property for my mother?" Another property developer said, this year, they have been receiving lot of inquiries. "In fact, many want to take their mothers on property visits so that it will be the client's mother who will take a call which property to buy. It is really a good trend as at a time as many want to give so much respect to their parents." —BMB

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Unique life-changing gift ideas

What to buy for the most special woman in your life? Some financially sound gifts

Many people may be scrambling to buy something special for the most important woman in their lives. Ashfaque Ismail lines up some unique gifting ideas that could make a difference in your mother's life.

A medical check-up

Medical conditions can be effectively tackled if they are detected early. Doctors recommend that even young and healthy individuals should undergo medical check-ups at least once in 2-3 years. Those above 50 should get health check-ups more often. For Mother's Day, book a full body medical check-up for your mom. A thorough check-up will detect if something is amiss, and could nip the problem in the bud. What's more, up to Rs.5,000 spent on preventive health check-ups can be claimed as a deduction under Section 80D.
Cost:Rs.3000-5000

Financial adviser

Just like having a good doctor is a blessing, working with a trustworthy investment adviser can be very rewarding. Find a reliable investment adviser who can help your mother with her finances. Your best bet are fee-only advisers. They charge a flat fee for the investment guidance and don't get any commission on the investment products they recommend. A good financial adviser will assess her investments and help optimise the returns by getting rid of junk. This has the potential to become one of the best gifts your mother ever got.
Cost:Rs.10,000-25000

Start an SIP in her name

If her financial portfolio is not too large, your mother may not need professional advice. In such cases, a DIY approach will work better. If your mother has never invested in mutual funds, this is a good time to start. You will need to get her KYC done and help her choose a scheme that suits her profile and is aligned with her goals. Get in touch with a reliable mutual fund adviser who can do the onboarding paperwork and get her started on her investment journey. It becomes easier if she is an existing investor in mutual funds. Just start an SIP in an appropriate scheme.
Cost:Rs.5,000-20,000

A savings scheme

If your mom is above 60 and averse to market risks, don't force her to invest in market-linked instruments. Instead, start an investment in the ultra-safe Senior Citizen's Saving Scheme, which offers 7.4% assured returns and has a tenure of five years. The interest rate is linked to government bond yields and is subject to change every three months. But once a person invests, the rate remains fixed for the full five-year tenure. The scheme is managed by the government and pays interest every three months. There is a Rs.15 lakh limit on investment per individual.
Cost:Rs.50,000-2lakh

> **If your mom is above 60 and averse to market risks, don't force her to invest in market-linked instruments**

PM Vaya Vandana Yojana

Just like the Senior Citizens' Saving Scheme, the Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana is designed to provide regular income to retirees. The 10-year scheme is currently offering an assured return of 7.40% on the monthly option. At the end of 10 years, the principal amount is returned to the policyholder. The PMVVY is managed by the LIC and is a very safe investment option. There is a Rs.15 lakh limit on investment per individual.
Cost:Rs.2-3lakh

— By Ashfaque Ismail, ET

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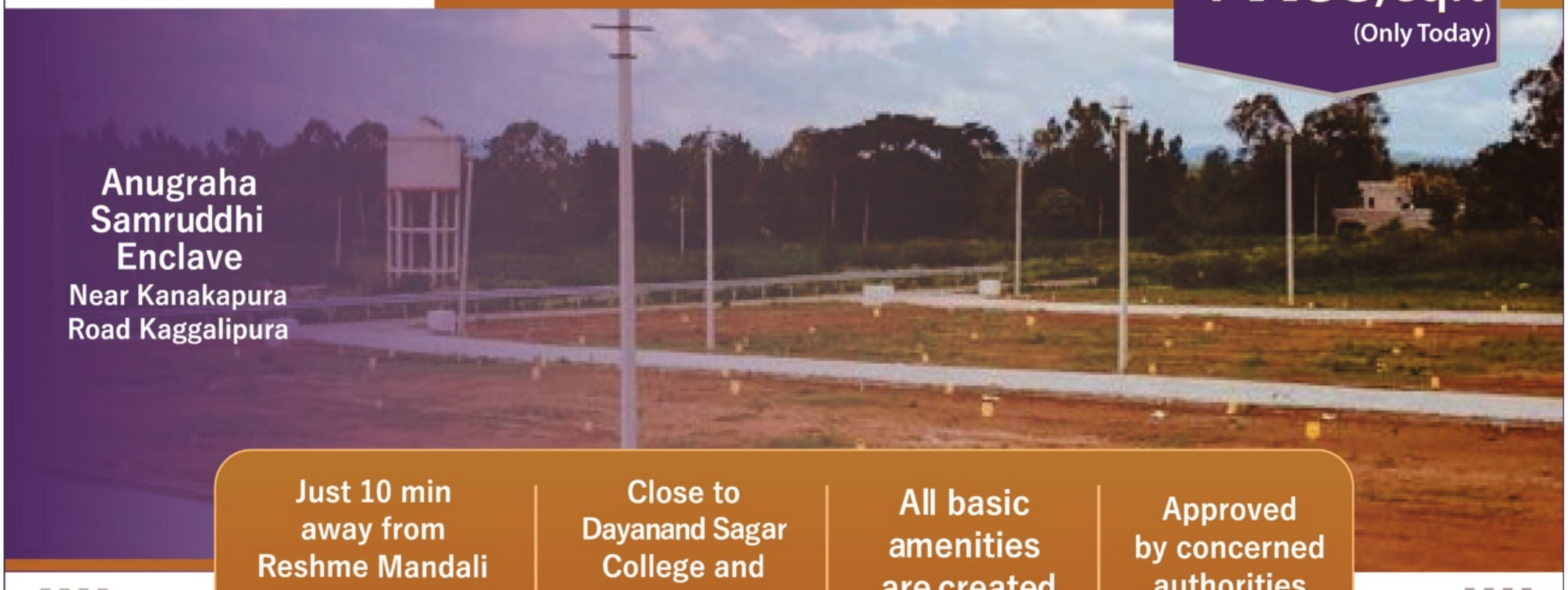

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Reclaiming their lanes, once more

Cyclists are putting bollards in their lanes to make it narrower and prevent motorists from entering; it's a small step towards a larger goal

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Cyclists have had countless challenges in preventing two-wheelers from encroaching upon their lanes and invariably causing accidents

Bengaluru's cyclists have found a new way to stop motorists encroaching upon their space. On Saturday, the cyclists chose a stretch of Outer Ring Road cycle lane that is often used illegally by bikers. So, a few of the cyclists went around, brought the bollards which were damaged and thrown aside and placed them in the lane. These bollards narrowed the distance so that only cyclists could enter.

The results of the experiment showed that in those cycle lanes where there were no bollards, around 10 bikers passed by the cycle lane in a minute. However, when bollards were placed at the entrance of the cycle lanes, motorists veered away while cyclists got their space back.

After a while, the cyclists got cones and placed them too. Though the cones also had the same effect with motorists staying away, it created other problems.

The cones (which were not fixed) could be easily removed or pushed aside. It could give a wrong impression to cyclists that the lanes were closed.

The cyclists then said that with video evidence, they would present it to the Department of Urban Land Transport (DULT) demanding how cycle lanes need to be ensured.

A cyclist said, "For a long time, cyclists in the city had struggled hard to get a cycle lane. Now, when the cycle lanes are partially operational, the bigger challenge is to protect them. With the traffic increasing in the Outer Ring Road, most of the bikers have taken over the cycle lanes as they could move faster. In fact, many cyclists had also complained of accidents and even assault. We complained to cops as well but with little effect. So, now the onus is on us to protect our cycle lanes."

Shilpi Sahu, a regular cyclist on this route said that the community also realised that cyclists are afraid of the riders in the lane; some got assaulted, and hence they don't want to ride there. So, this solution, according to her, although not 100 per cent effective, would reduce the number of riders in existing lanes and probably encourage cyclists to use it. "Traffic police are not helping with implementation. Meanwhile,

The bollards helped keep riders at bay and cyclists could pedal in peace

with these two approaches, we can make things better for us."

Another cyclist said that he saw a few cops trying to penalise the bikers entering the cycle lane on Saturday which cyclists call it as a good sign in implementing better traffic rules where the share of road stretch gets equal importance to all the forms of transportation.

Recently, a cycle lane in Doddanekkundi was fixed with a cycle counter. This digital counter will show the exact count of cycles using the cycle lane every day.

The instrument counts the actual number of cyclists riding in the lane and service road while ignoring motorcycles and other vehicles.

B'luru, put on your running shoes!

The whistle has gone off for the resurgence of mass participation in sports in India. Bengaluru is gearing up for the 14th edition of the World 10K on May 8 and excitement is in the air.

The formidable elite field and participants from all walks of life will stand in unison at the start line coming alive and finding joy in what brings them happiness as the race is flagged off from the iconic Sree Kanteerava Stadium. To mark the 10-day countdown to the World Athletics Elite Label race, the World 10K Bengaluru.

Registrations are in full swing for all race categories across two formats of the event: on-ground and virtual run. The Registrations for Majja Run, Champions with Disability and Senior Citizen Run are open till Tuesday. Headlined by the Elite World 10K, the event will witness in action the committed runners in the Open 10K, the amateur runners at the Majja Run -- the colourful soul of the event, silvers in the Senior Citizens' Run and the Champions with Disability in the CWD run.

This edition of the elite line-up includes a healthy mix of veterans and promising young sensations from across the country. With a total prize fund of US$210,000, the overall women's and men's champions will take home 26,000 USD each and the Indian men and women champions will take home INR 2,75,000 each. In addition to the prize money, the Indian winners also stand a chance to win an event record bonus of INR 1,00,000 and an event record jackpot of INR 1,00,000.

Delhi Half Marathon 2020 gold medallist and world 10K silver medallist Parul Chaudhary will lead the Indian Elite Women's category. Parul will receive tough competition from World 10K bronze medallist UP's Chinta Yadav and Tata Mumbai Marathon (Half Marathon) 2020 3rd place finisher and Mumbai Marathon - Half Marathon winner Monica Athare along with Delhi Half Marathon 2020 runner up Komal Jagadale on race day. **-ANI**

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Illegal tents
Rajajinagar

Four tents have become fourteen now. Kids are left with hardly any space to play. No action by any authorities. At Rajajinagar 6th block next to RPA college.

Who let the dog in?
City airport

Stray dog menace seen at Kempegowda International Airport. This is a potential danger for passengers. Is it the international standard for maintenance? Cleaning staff says no superiors are taking action. This calls for immediate safety steps.

Road to hell
Residency Road

The above road was dug almost a year back. Since then, this has not been repaired and in addition, there is a huge pothole on Residency Road.

THE SUNDAY READ

Will groceries fall from the sky?

Well, they just might — if deputation of drones to deliver goods becomes a reality. Drone manufacturer talks to BM about the challenges involved

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With a food delivery service recently announcing its plan to use drone technology for grocery delivery services, experts say that deployment is not the only challenge -- what they require is a complete build-up of the drone infrastructure to make it into a full-fledged working model.

Ever since the Ministry of Civil Aviation rolled out the new drone policy removing the need for drone pilot licenses, there has been a bubbling interest in the field. Now, Swiggy also has expressed interest in introducing drones for their grocery delivery services. The pilot project will use drones "to replenish stocks between seller-run dark stores and from a store to a common customer point. A delivery partner will then pick up orders from the common point and deliver them to the customer's doorstep," said Swiggy in a press release.

The trials have been planned in two phases with the first pilot commencing in Bengaluru and Delhi-NCR with Garuda Aerospace and Skyeair Mobility. After receiving findings from the first phase, the second phase will be commenced.

Earlier, the drone trials were expected to start from the first week of May but it's now learnt that they will be conducted towards the second week of May.

But drone experts highlight that the challenges are multifold.

Founder and CEO of Garuda Aerospace, Agnishwar Jayaprakash, told Bangalore Mirror, "We have two types of drones. The first model lowers the package without the drone landing and the second model lands on the ground and the package will be locked with facial recognition. We are still looking at areas where these drones can be used. Currently, it might be only possible to door-step deliveries in certain houses, especially ones with balconies."

D is for...

- The liberalised Drone Rules, 2021, enhances coverage by drones from 300 kg to 500 kg. It would also bring down the permit fees to operate drones.
- India has categorised drones into five segments:
- Nano drones- Less than or equal to 250 grams
- Micro drones- Greater than 250 grams and less than or equal to 2 kg
- Small drones- More than 2 kg and less than or equal to 25 kg
- Medium drones- More than 25 kg and less than or equal to 150 kg
- Large drones- More than 150 kg
- Even though the rules in India for flying drones are mostly for the bigger ones, nano drones only can be operated within 50 feet and permission is required to fly them in restricted airspaces.
- Individuals who fly drones for commercial purposes or heavier than 2kg are no longer required to obtain a 'Remote Pilot Licence' to operate legally, instead, they just need a Remote Pilot Certificate, which can be obtained from a DGCA-approved drone-training institute after passing the course
- The six segments in which drone-based applications are being explored include agriculture, insurance, energy and utilities, media and entertainment, infrastructure and mining. -ANI

While these drones were manufactured keeping the agriculture sector as the predominant use case, these heavy-duty drones capable of carrying -10-15 ltr/kg have found a new use in instant deliveries.

"We are planning to deploy at least 3-5 drones per area with at least 300-400 drones flying in the city. The estimated time for deliveries will be 8-12 mins back-and-forth within a delivery radius of 15 km," added Jayaprakash.

With the advent of a large number of drones, there is much hustle-bustle in the air space, so there would also be a need to regulate the network of drones. "While these drones are 90 per cent automated, it will be controlled via beyond visual line operations.The drone should be controlled without the need for a pilot to see the path. We have designed a system where each drone will follow its path with accuracy. Drones will lift off and land on the set path with accuracy to avoid crashing into each other. The network of drones will be managed using fleet-management software which will also track individual drones and generate flight paths for the drones. We have also installed an obstacle avoidance system using which the drones can avoid obstacles within 10-15 metres of distance," he added.

Another challenge for these manufacturers is to build charging infrastructures for the drones. "These battery-operated drones have an endurance of an hour. We are estimating the delivery time to be roughly eight minutes including the return. We are also exploring options of installing docks and drone ports on rooftops. These rooftop installations will act as a refuelling station for these drones," he said.

But the biggest challenge foreseen by the manufacturers is to keep the operational costs down. "One drone costs around Rs 8-10 lakh and we will have to deploy multiple drones. But we cannot expect the end consumer to pay more than Rs40-50 as delivery charges per order. To meet the upcoming challenges, we are raising $30 million now and hope to raise $100 million by the end of the year," he added.

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> –Agnishwar Jayaprakash, Garuda Aerospace CEO & Founder

LPG price hiked by ₹50; over ₹1,000 in many states

Cooking gas LPG prices were on Saturday hiked by Rs 50 per cylinder, the second increase in rates in just over six weeks following the firming of international energy rates.

Non-subsidised LPG now costs Rs 999.50 per 14.2-kg cylinder in the national capital, up from Rs 949.50 previously, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers.

This is the second increase in LPG rates in just over six weeks. Prices were hiked by Rs 50 per cylinder on March 22.

Since April 2021, prices have risen by Rs 190 per cylinder.

Petrol and diesel prices however continue to be on freeze for over a month now. The pause followed rates being hiked by a record Rs 10 per litre in a matter of 16 days beginning March 22. Non-subsidised cooking gas is the one that consumers buy after exhausting their quota of 12 cylinders at subsidised or below-market rates.

However, the government pays no subsidy on LPG in most cities and the price of the refill that consumers, including the poor women who got free connection under the much-talked Ujjwala scheme, is the same as non-subsidised or market price LPG.

Non-subsidised LPG costs Rs 999.50 per 14.2-kg cylinder in Mumbai while it is priced at Rs 1,015.50 in Chennai and Rs 1,026 in Kolkata. Rates differ from state to state depending on the incidence of local taxes such as VAT. Prices are higher in states with higher taxes.

Earlier this month, the price of commercial LPG cylinders - the one used by establishments like hotels and restaurants - was increased. On May 1, the price of a 19-kg commercial LPG cylinder was increased by Rs 102.50 to Rs 2,355.50. International oil prices have been on the rise this year. They jumped to a 13-year high of USD 140 per barrel in March before shedding some of the gains. —PTI

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STORYBEHINDTHEPHOTO

IT'S LUNCH HOUR, FOLKS!

This is an interesting picture. A pelican flying with its beak open soon after it dove to catch a fish -- you can see the water drops and a fish inside its beak!

The picture was clicked by reader **Ashok**

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In Panathur, traffic is a never-ending saga

Commuting from Balagere to Panathur is a nightmare come true as residents are often stuck for hours

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There is an old joke Bengalureans are all too familiar with. It says that a person commuting from one part of the city to another will take more time on the road than a person who is flying from Bengaluru to Kolkata.

For the residents of Panathur, the saying is all too real, as they say commuting on the road between Balagere and Panathur is a never-ending story thanks to the traffic.

The people are stuck for hours as the traffic sometimes even stretches for kilometres. They say that there is no one to control the traffic, making the problem worse.

"There is a security guard who works at an apartment complex and he helps manage the traffic. About two years ago, there was a traffic officer from HAL; however, after covid, he also left," said a resident of the area.

The residents say that the traffic will only get worse as many houses and apartments are coming up in the area.

Traffic stretches for kilometres & may get worse, say residents. (Twitter pic)

> **"There is a security guard who works at an apartment complex and he helps manage the traffic**
>
> – A resident

Ravi Kumar, an IT professional, said, "There are no proper hospitals in the area, so to go to a hospital, we have to travel a long distance and invariably, one will get stuck in traffic for hours. If there is an emergency, one will not even be able to reach the hospital on time."

Shikha S, a resident of the area, said that she has been stuck on the road for hours and it is terrible. "The traffic doesn't move for hours. There are other roads as well but all that has bottlenecks. The construction for the railway under-bridge has been going on for years; nothing has been done yet."

The construction of the railway underbridge road initiated by Varthur Corporators was started in 2018 for a smooth commute; however, Bengalureans are unhappy as the work has been going on at a snail's pace.

A resident of the area, on account of anonymity, said, "We are seeing the construction work going on for years. We were given the assurance that we will not face any problems while traveling and the road will be fine, but none of the promises have been fulfilled."

DID YOU KNOW?

In Bengaluru, Vidyarthi Bhavan and heritage go hand-in-hand. Established in early 1943-44, before India even attained independence, this no-frills eatery has successfully managed to retain its old-world charm till date. On any morning, you are sure to find Bengalureans from all walks of life busily gorging on their soft dosas with chutney and the trademark kaapi. Initially set up to cater to students, today, the eatery located in the heart of Gandhi Bazaar in Basavanagudi boasts of patrons who are also celebrities, politicians, writers, and those from modest backgrounds.
Like its ambience, the menu too has remained mostly unchanged over the years, retaining its authenticity.

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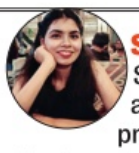
TAPTHECHATTER

where Bengalureans speak their mind

What can citizens & authorities do to ensure streeties do not suffer in this weather?

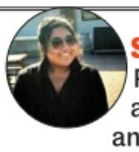
KV Vaidyanthan
Executive assistant
It is necessary authorities catch stray cattle from streets and protect them in shelters. It is also necessary that citizens cooperate with authorities to catch stray dogs.

Emmanuel Joe, Student
We can protect streeties by providing temporary roofs/shelters around our homes and also build them in public parks in the locality. Citizens should also reach out to animal experts.



Srashti Ahuja, Student
Shelter homes should keep these animals and authorities should provide funds to come up with shelter homes. People should take in the animals when it's raining.

Reema Bansal, Student
The authorities and the people should call shelter homes so that they can take them. Or, authorities can even leave a little space under billboards for the animals.



Sriparna Roy, Student
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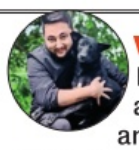

Vikash Bafna, Animal activist
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SPEAK TO US

What can authorities do to ensure the homeless have better living conditions?

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HEALTH TIP: Fatty fish like salmon and tuna are good sources of protein, fatty acids, and vitamin B

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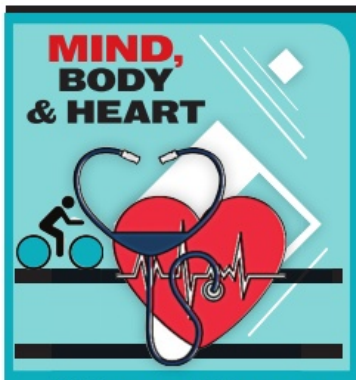


All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I've been with my husband for 30 years - since we were both 22 - but the thought of spending another 30 years in a pointless marriage is depressing beyond words.
We haven't had sex for probably 10 years, even though we sleep in the same bed every night.
He's emotionally disconnected from me and we can go hours or even days without having a conversation.
I still feel young at 52 and I don't want to give up and make do with this.
He's so hard to talk to, though, and I feel as if things have gone so far down the line that they're beyond saving.
I don't know what to do.

COLEEN SAYS

I think you need to tell him directly that you're miserable and the marriage hasn't been good for a very long time. Then the next thing to address is – what do you do about it?
The truth is, you can spend every day with someone and not have a connection. You can be married and still feel desperately lonely because the relationship is broken.
In long-term relationships, when sex and emotional intimacy disappear, many people just think that's what happens when you've been together so long and it's a question of getting on with it.
Well, that might be true if both partners feel that way and are happy with friendship and companionship, but that's not the case with you and your husband. You want more, but you can't fix your marriage on your own – he has to make the effort too.
My advice is, don't settle. The next 30 years could be the best of your life.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

MUM'S THE WORD

On Mother's Day, treat her to these gastronomically fulfilling middle-eastern dishes that are easy to plate up

SHISH TAOUK

INGREDIENTS

- Chicken breast piece: 3, cut into chunks
- Yogurt: ½ cup
- Lemon Juice: ¼ cup
- Olive oil: ¼ cup
- Garlic cloves: 6
- Tomato paste: 1 tbsp
- Paprika: 1 tsp
- Ground ginger: ½ tsp
- Salt: to taste
- Black pepper: to taste
- Onion, cubed (optional)

METHOD

- In a bowl, add the ingredients for the marinade (yogurt, lemon juice, olive oil, garlic, tomato paste and the seasonings). Whisk to combine. Place the chicken cubes in the same bowl and coat the marinade. Cover and rest the marinade in the fridge for at least 4 hours. Thread the chicken on skewers right before grilling. Grill on medium heat for 5-8 minutes per side. Serve with pita and salads.

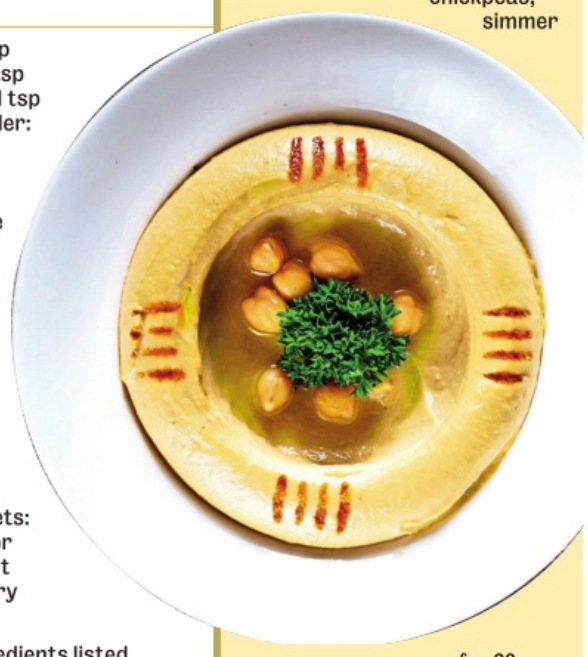
HUMMUS

INGREDIENTS

- Chickpeas: 3 cups
- Garlic: 1 or 2 cloves
- Tahini: 1/3 cup (Sesame seed paste)
- Fresh lemon juice: From one lemon
- Salt: to taste
- Extra virgin olive oil

METHOD

- Soak and cook the chickpeas. If using canned chickpeas, simmer for 20 minutes in water. Strain the chickpeas and puree them until smooth. Add 2 ice cubes, tahini, salt and lemon juice. Blend for four minutes until silky smooth consistency. Add a little hot water if it is too thick and blend again. Transfer to a serving bowl and garnish with a generous drizzle of olive oil.



HOT MEZZE PLATTER

KIBBEH

INGREDIENTS

For Bulgur:

- Bulgur: 225 gm
- Cold water: 3 cups

For the lamb:

- Onion: 2, chopped
- Minced meat: 1 kg
- Salt: 1 ½ teaspoon
- Pepper powder: 1 ¼ tsp
- Ground, all-spice powder: 1 tsp
- Ground cumin: ¼ tsp
- Vegetable oil

METHOD

- In a bowl, soak the bulgur in cold water for 30 minutes. Remove excess water by placing the bulgur in a towel and squeezing it through. In a bowl, mix one onion, half of the ground meat, soaked bulgur, 1 tsp salt, 1tsp pepper. Stir well to combine. Process the mixture in a food processor in batches. It should be like a smooth, dough like consistency. Keep aside. This is the kibbeh dough. In a pan, add the olive oil. Add the chopped onion and sauté till translucent. Add the remaining half of the ground meat and stir well. Add the all spice, remaining salt and pepper, cumin and stir well. Once the meat is browned, remove from heat and allow to cool.

Assemble

- With damp hands, take some of the kibbeh dough and make a ball. Flatten it and add the cooked meat mixture. Shape it into an oval shape. Deep-fry in batches in hot oil.

CHICKEN/MEAT SAMBOUSAK

INGREDIENTS

For the meat mixture

- Ground chicken/ lamb: 450 gms
- Onion: 2 medium, chopped
- Garlic: 5 cloves
- All spice: 1 tsp
- Cinnamon:1 tsp
- Cardamom: 1 tsp
- Pepper powder: ½ tsp
- Turmeric: ¼ tsp
- Salt: to taste

For the samosa

- Olive oil: 2 tbsp
- Pomegranate molasses: 1 tbsp
- Fresh parsley, chopped
- Samosa sheets: Homemade or store-bought
- Oil: to deep fry

METHOD

- Add the ingredients listed under 'meat mixture' into a food processor and grind till it becomes one mass. Heat olive oil. Add the meat mixture and cook on a medium flame until the meat is cooked through and all the liquid is evaporated. Add pomegranate molasses and mix well. Switch off flame and add the parsley and mix well. Make it room temperature.
- Stuff them in your samosa sheets and deep fry.

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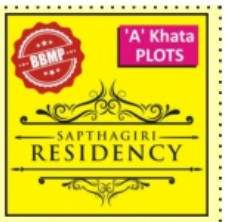

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Seeking 'regular' homes in Mysuru

20,000 house owners desperately waiting for regularisation

With the State Government planning to roll out the 'Akrama-Sakrama' scheme, thousands of Mysureans are now eagerly waiting for its early implementation. According to sources, the royal city of Mysuru has close to 20,000 'illegal' structures. Now, the owners are hoping that if the regularisation exercise is carried out, then they can pay a penalty and make their dream buildings 'legal'.

In fact, buildings built with deviation or without requisite permission is not just a problem in Bengaluru but also in Mysuru. "If the site is not regularised, then it is not possible to get either electricity or water connection. However, many end up getting these utilities by paying bribes. Now, we wonder how long we can stay in these illegal buildings. The only way is to pay a fine and get it regularised. We hope to get it done soon," said Keshava Prasad, a resident of Mysuru.

Mysuru City Corporation Commissioners G Lakshmikanth Reddy said that the regularisation exercise will be undertaken in Mysuru once the official order comes from the government. Soon, the Mysuru Palike plans to conduct a survey of all such illegal buildings which can be brought to book.

Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) president HV Rajeev said that he was waiting for the government's green signal as well as guidelines to take up the regularisation exercise. Revenue Minister R Ashoka had recently said that there were plans to regularise the encroached coffee lands as well as buildings. Many are seeing this as a ray of hope. The State Government also plans to collect a one time penalty. This will also help in bringing revenues to the government as well.

Suresh Gowda, a resident of Mysuru added, "I have constructed a house in a layout which has not been approved. As a result, I am unable to get a bank loan. Now, I plan to sell my house but no one is ready to buy because it is yet to be regularised."

Mysuru Palike and MUDA officials are now requesting the government to expedite the regularisation process. A senior official said that without regularisation, they are not able to collect taxes from 20,000 houses/commercial establishments in Mysuru. This is affecting their revenues which have been severely hit since the outbreak of Covid.

— Sridhar Vivan

Smart spending: ₹219 crore so far

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and Urban Affairs, Bengaluru received the lowest amount of funds so far compared to other cities in Karnataka under the National Smart Cities Mission. While the city has received Rs 292 crore funds from the Centre up until now, other cities in the state such as Davangere, Tumakuru and Belagavi have been allotted Rs 392 crore each, whereas Hubli-Dharwad, Shivamogga and Mangaluru received Rs 294 crore each.

Out of the total funds received, Bengaluru has utilised Rs 219 crore.

Based on assessments across various parameters such as work completed, fund transfer and utilisation, project work ordered, and average three months expenditure, Centre had ranked Bengaluru at the 48th position in the most recent smart cities ranking in 2022.

"A certain number of points are awarded based on fund utilisation. We have received fewer points in this category compared to the other cities in the state as we were selected in the third round. However, other cities were selected in the first and the second round and thus they have received more funds," said a BSCL official.

Experts said underutilisation of funds means that most benefits of the smart cities mission have barely reached the people on the ground. However, BSCL officials pointed out the city has improved ranking compared with its baseline rank in 2018.

"We were selected in the third round of the Smart Cities Mission in 2018 and our initial ranking was 74. Presently, based on performance, work order, the progress of the project and fund transfer and utilisation, we are standing at the 48th position. We will complete all the projects by July 2023," added Sugur.

The rankings included the top 100 smart cities in the country for the year.

The number one spot in the list was occupied by Surat, followed by Udaipur, Varanasi and Agra on the second, third and fourth spots respectively.

Toyota's ₹4,800-cr boost for local EV parts

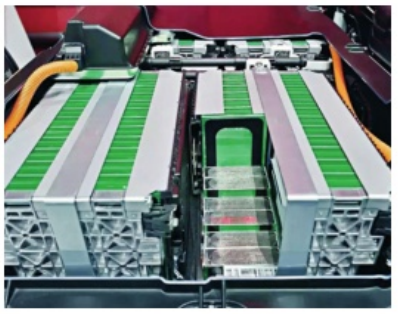
Toyota group firms, including Toyota Kirloskar Motor, on Saturday said they will invest about Rs 4,800 crore in Karnataka for local production of powertrain parts and other components of electric vehicles.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) along with Toyota Kirloskar Auto Parts (TKAP) will put in Rs 4,100 crore while a related company — Toyota Industries Engine India (TIEI) — will pitch in with another Rs 700 crore.

TKM and TKAP on Saturday inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Karnataka government in this regard.

The announcement coincides with automaker's 25 years of presence in India.

"Toyota Group and TIEI together would be making an investment of around Rs 4,800 crore. We are doing this in the spirit of 'go green, go local' and our aim is to contribute to our country's mission of faster reduction of carbon emissions and make in India," TKM executive vice president Vikram Gulati told PTI in an interaction.



In-addition to boosting the local manufacturing eco-system, the new development will provide an impetus to employment generation and local community development, he added.

"Just from the group companies (TKM & TKAP), from a direct employment point of view, we are looking at around 3,500 new jobs. Of course, as the supply chain system builds, we expect much more to come in later," Gulati said.

The automaker plans to utilise its existing facilities in the state to produce the components, he noted.

"We would be aiming at both domestic and global markets. We are moving towards a completely new area of technology which is electrified powertrain parts," Gulati said. When asked about the timeframe for the start of production, he said: "While I cannot get into the specifics, it's going to be very near-term." Gulati said Toyota has all the electrified technologies and it believes in taking up all which not only meet consumer requirements but are also aligned with the government's national objectives.

"We believe that electrification is beginning to take off. There are still challenges around it, but the key to moving towards faster electrification would be to take steps like the ones we're taking now. To build local ecosystems, local capabilities, local competitiveness and through that to try deliver all these technologies at an affordable cost," he said.

Gulati was replying to a query if Indian market is ripe for the electric vehicles. He commended both the Union and Karnataka governments for pushing electrification in the country. "If you look at both demand side and supply side, a lot of effort is going on..." he noted.

Speaking at the MoU signing event, TKM vice-chairman Vikram S Kirloskar said the development is a very important milestone in terms of ushering in large-scale investment to make deeper cuts in carbon emissions, higher employment generation, creating local manufacturing hub not only for domestic needs but also for global markets, local community development and advancement in innovation. – PTI

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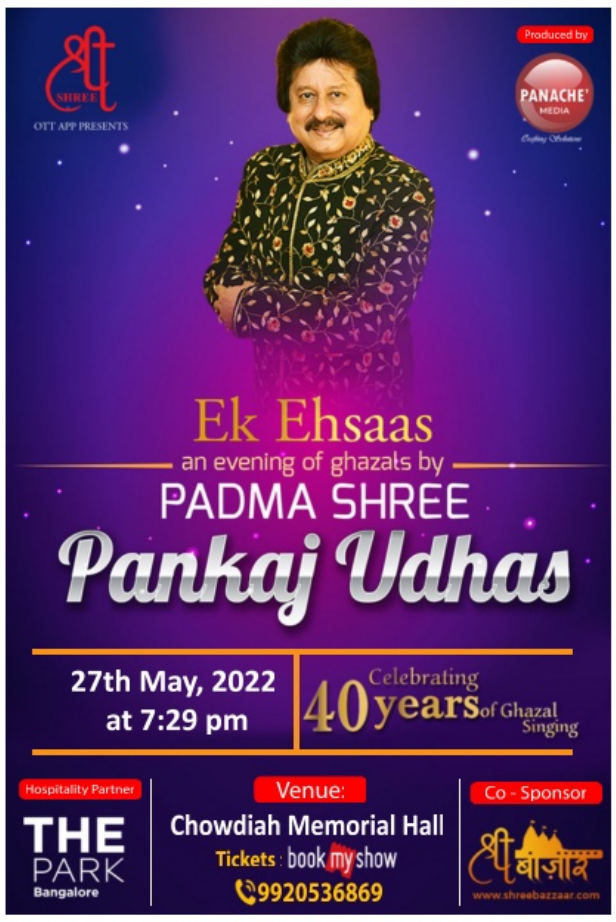

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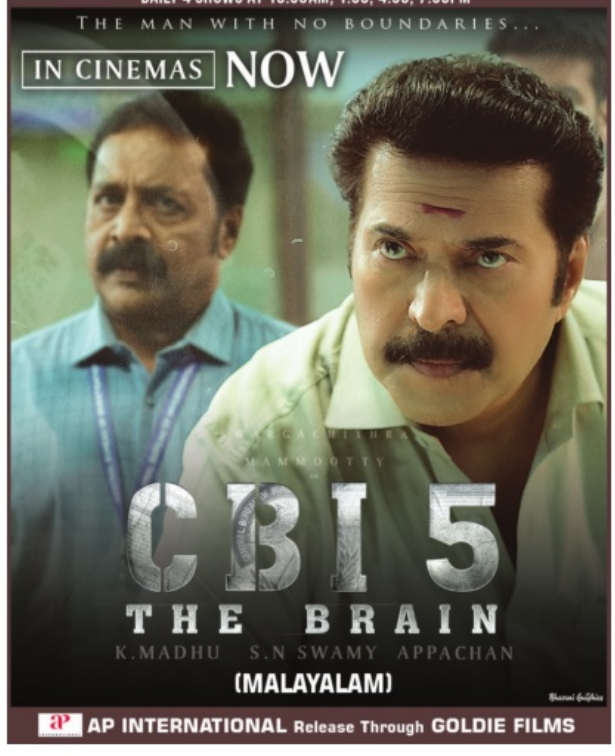

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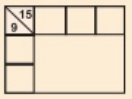
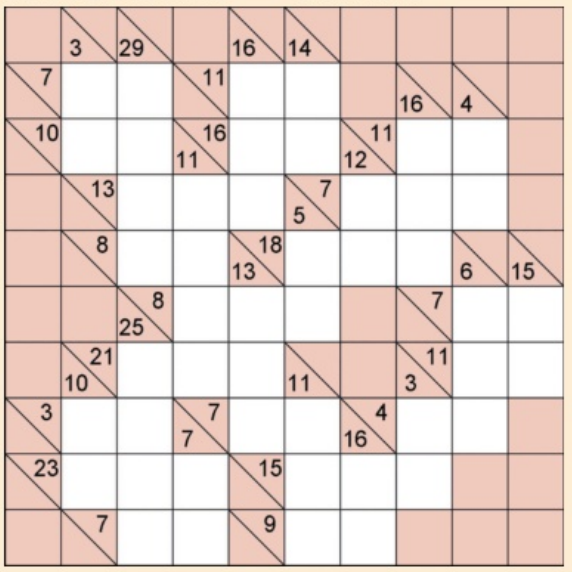
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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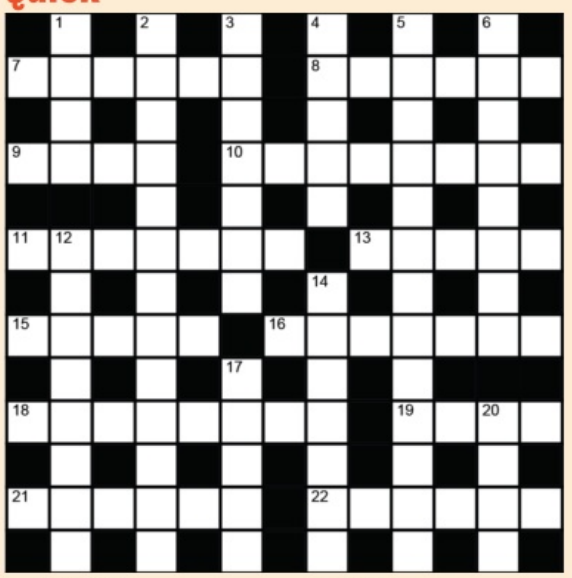


ACROSS

7 Group of rhymed lines (6)
8 Greek island in the SE Aegean sea (6)
9 Annoy or irk (4)
10 Disappears (8)
11 Nation (7)
13 Sprang (5)
15 Very severe (5)
16 Vocation; shouting (7)
18 More ghostly (8)
19 Sea bird (4)
21 Price reduction (6)
22 Glare, scowl or pout (6)

DOWN

1 Sewing case (4)
2 Global? (13)
3 Vary cue anagram for a South Indian river (7)
4 Salt water (5)
5 Group of stars (13)
6 J M Barrie character (5,3)
12 Was a resident of; dwelled in (8)
14 A disordered mixture (7)
17 Adduced as instance (5)
20 Stink (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: R EQUALS G

DX ZIV IZEQ ZXXB VI DISO TUCCQ, DX ZXXB VI DISO UV NXMZR TUCCQ.

Linemaro

I need someone really bad. Are you really bad?

Mindchow

A person with a new idea is considered crazy until the idea succeeds

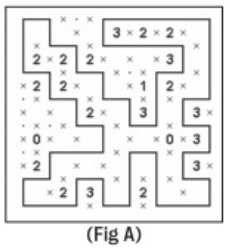
Joke of the day

At the back of a car: Keep honking. I'm reloading

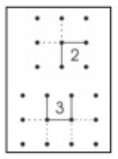
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



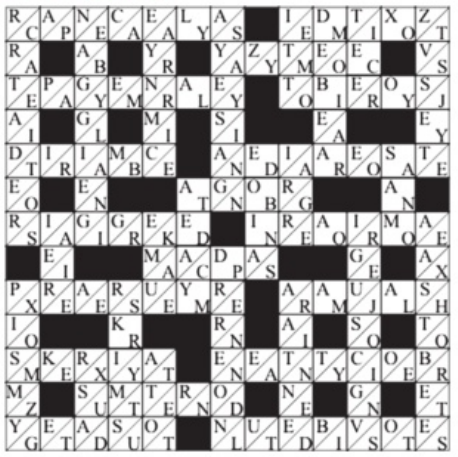
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5 Y
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

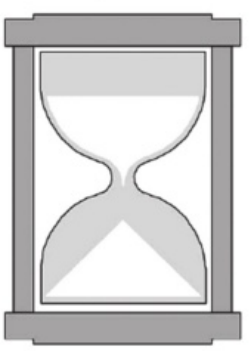
1 Sum my; 6 A tale; 7 Egads; 8 I acme; 9 Smack

DOWN

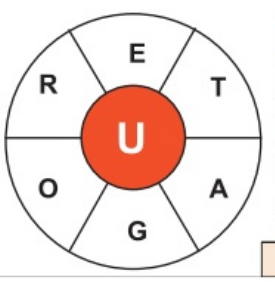
1 Dam am; 2 A mule; 3 Gamic; 4 Tacks; 5 Essey

Mensapuzzle

With a 7 minute hourglass and an 11 minute hourglass, what is the quickest way to time the boiling of an egg for 15 minutes?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

13 Average; 15 Good; 17 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		6	1	4				
5	4		6					
	8				2		6	7
6								1
	3	1				2	9	
9								8
2	5		7				1	
					8		2	3
				6	9	8		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

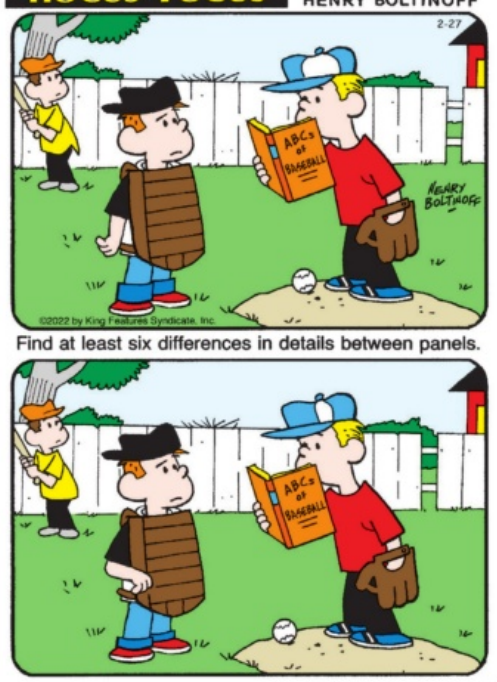
Easy = 2
5 6 8 9

Medium = 13
2 3 5 7

Hard = 12
1 3 6 3

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

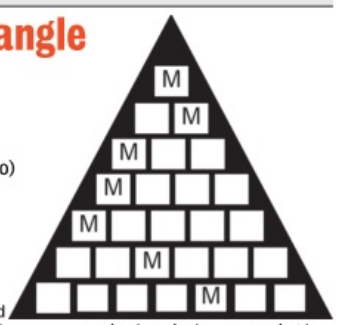
Differences: 1. Ball is moved. 2. Cuffs are smaller. 3. Fence is different. 4. Hat is different. 5. Bottom of shirt is different. 6. Arm is moved.

Riddler

I run a race around a track. I always travel, but never pack. Sometimes you see me and sometimes not, A force of nature has me caught. Sometimes new though I am old, When I am new, my face is cold. What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 One thousand
2 Printing unit
3 Adult males
4 Ore source
5 Hash; dice
6 Entered (Four, Two)
7 Movie houses



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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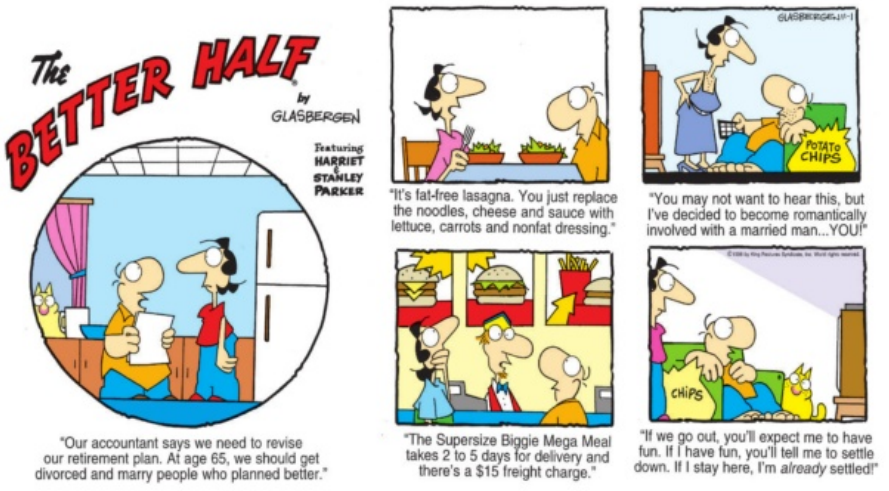
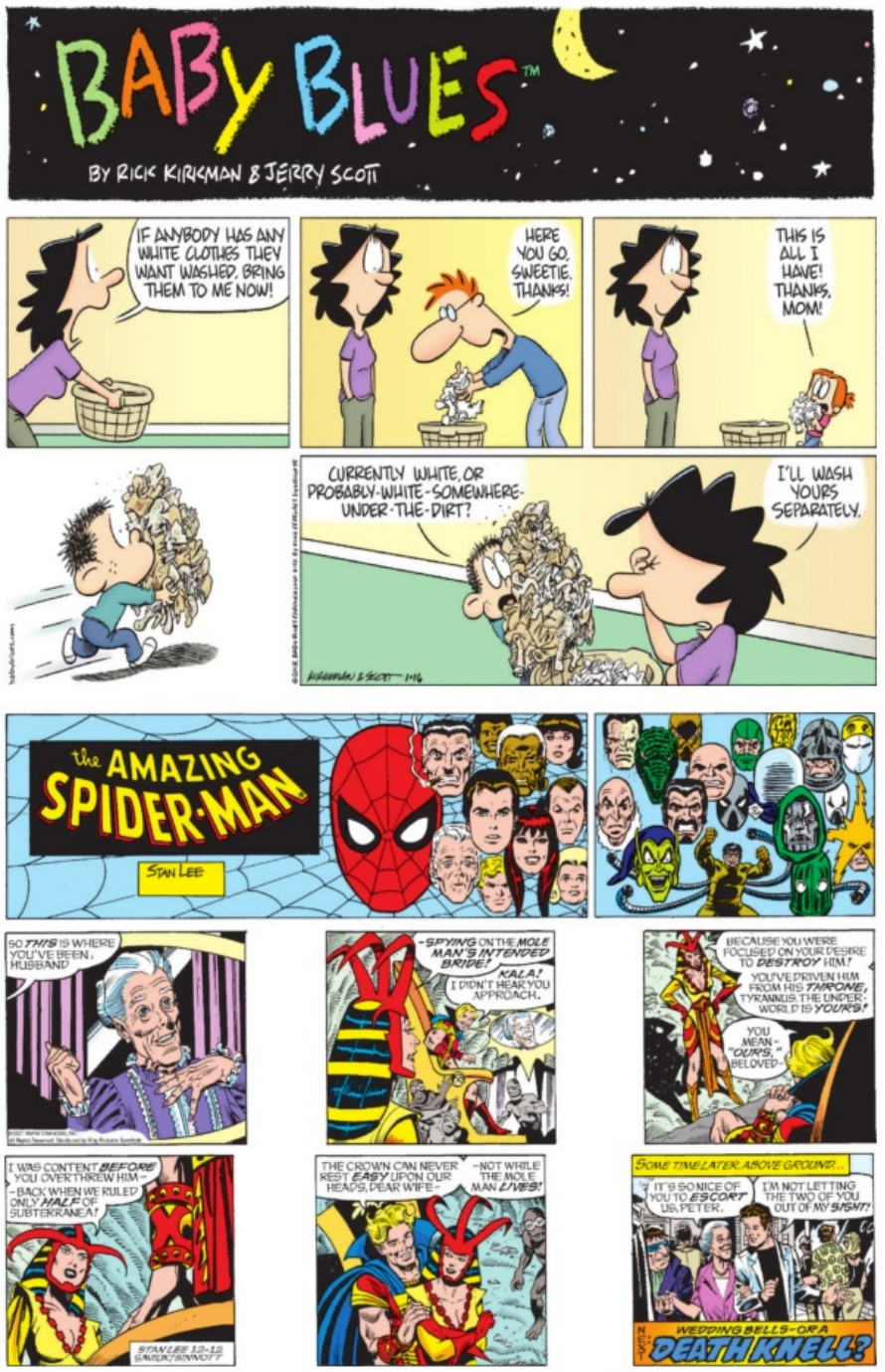

The BETTER HALF
by GLASBERGEN
featuring HARRIET & STANLEY PARKER
"Our accountant says we need to revise our retirement plan. At age 65, we should get divorced and marry people who planned better."
"It's fat-free lasagna. You just replace the noodles, cheese and sauce with lettuce, carrots and nonfat dressing."
"You may not want to hear this, but I've decided to become romantically involved with a married man...YOU!"
POTATO CHIPS
"The Supersize Biggie Mega Meal takes 2 to 5 days for delivery and there's a $15 freight charge."
CHIPS
"If we go out, you'll expect me to have fun. If I have fun, you'll tell me to settle down. If I stay here, I'm already settled!"


BABY BLUES™
BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT
IF ANYBODY HAS ANY WHITE CLOTHES THEY WANT WASHED, BRING THEM TO ME NOW!
HERE YOU GO, SWEETIE. THANKS!
THIS IS ALL I HAVE! THANKS, MOM!
CURRENTLY WHITE, OR PROBABLY-WHITE-SOMEWHERE-UNDER-THE-DIRT?
I'LL WASH YOURS SEPARATELY.
the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
STAN LEE
SO THIS IS WHERE YOU'VE BEEN, HUSBAND
-SPYING ON THE MOLE MAN'S INTENDED BRIDE!
KALA! I DIDN'T HEAR YOU APPROACH.
BECAUSE YOU WERE FOCUSED ON YOUR DESIRE TO DESTROY HIM!
YOU'VE DRIVEN HIM FROM HIS THRONE, TYRANNUS, THE UNDERWORLD IS YOURS!
YOU MEAN- "OURS," BELOVED-
I WAS CONTENT BEFORE YOU OVERTHREW HIM-
-BACK WHEN WE RULED ONLY HALF OF SUBTERRANEA!
THE CROWN CAN NEVER REST EASY UPON OUR HEADS, DEAR WIFE-
-NOT WHILE THE MOLE MAN LIVES!
SOME TIME LATER, ABOVE GROUND...
IT'S SO NICE OF YOU TO ESCORT US, PETER.
I'M NOT LETTING THE TWO OF YOU OUT OF MY SIGHT!
WEDDING BELLS-OR A DEATH KNELL?

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, the moon is in a positive position. You may have some sort of energy; you may be able to perform at work efficiently. You may also help a needy person, which may build prestige among people around you. You may spend your time to study intellectual stuff. You may also plan for higher studies to groom your career.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, until evening, you may be impatient; have lack of confidence, which may reflect in your way of working. Parent's health may make you upset. Kid's notorious behaviour may make you upset. You should try to focus on yourself. Investments in risky assets are advised to be avoided now.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may be happy. You are likely to plan for an overseas work-related trip, which will increase your business in near future. Spending money on luxury stuff may improve your lifestyle. But you are advised not to go towards glamour or addictions; it may affect your financial health.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you are advised to control your way of speaking; your harsh words may affect your family harmony. You may spend your hard-earned money in buying some worthless stuff to maintain your social status; it is advised to not keep your money loose in your pocket.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may be busy with kid's career or extra-curricular activities. You may take some advice from someone to choose career options. You may meet consultants or specialist also. You may also hear good news regarding kid's results. You may also invest some capital into your family business.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you must control your way of speaking, you should be careful in terms of hidden enemies and opponents. You may be a victim of conspiracy. It is advised to not make investments in risky assets. You must avoid lending money to anyone; it may be not recoverable easily. You are advised to do meditation and yoga to come out from stress. Love-bird are advised to not be involved into controversies. Students are advised to work hard.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, job-seekers may get a new job; there are chances of promotions in current job. In business, you may get new clients, which will be helpful for growth in terms of profits. Singles are likely to find their good match. In domestic life, you must avoid hiding anything from your spouse otherwise it will create some distance in your relationship.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today is a day of success in terms of profession. Your plans are now going to give positive results in terms of profits. There may be good news related to your past investments in terms of gains. Your creativity may help you to improve your professional skills. Job-seekers are likely to get a suitable job. Students may focus well after self-analysis. You may be able to understand the feeling of your spouse.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today until afternoon, you may be upset. Afternoon onwards, elders' blessings may protect you from a messy situation. Your willpower may help you to complete your delayed projects. It is advised to avoid arguments in domestic life. By evening, you may have gains in terms of past investments.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, moon will not be positive, there are chances that you may not feel well; you might have health issues. You are advised not to make investments in new business projects, otherwise you may face losses. Students are advised to avoid fantasy and should work hard in their studies. You should also avoid rash driving.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may have mental peace. You are likely to be busy with friends and family. You may enjoy your domestic life; it may increase understanding with your spouse. There is a new partnership in your business. New innovations may help your business to grow. Disputes in the partnerships may be resolved now.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, your good health may make you happy. Your health-related issues will now be resolved. You may control worthless expenditures and new sources of income are may likely to be opened which may boost your financial health. Singles may find their soulmate in the same community.

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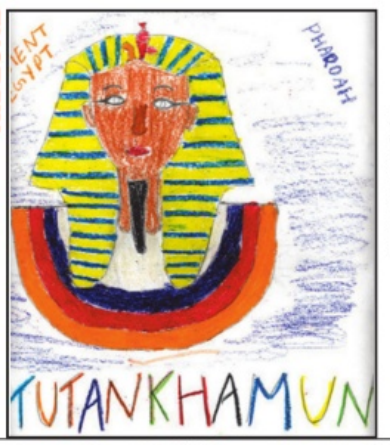

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SOLUTIONS

BULL'S EYE
ague, argue, auger, auto, gout, grout, outage, OUTRAGE, ragout, rogue, rouge, rout, route, tour, true, urea, urge

RIDDLER Moon

SOLVE IN 1M
(-4+4-(-4))*(2^(-2))
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QUOTE UNCODE
We not only need to work to work at happy, we need being happy.

FAST FIVE

M	A	C	K	S
A	M	I	C	E
D	E	G	A	S
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STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE
Start the 7 and 11 minutes. hour glasses when the egg is dropped into the water when it is boiling. When the sand stops running in the 7 glass, turn it over. When the sand stops running in the 11 glass, turn the 7 glass again. When the sand stops again in the 7 glass, 15 minutes will have elapsed.

SUDOKU

7	9	6	1	4	3	5	8	2
5	4	2	6	8	7	1	3	9
1	8	3	9	5	2	4	6	7
6	2	4	8	9	5	3	7	1
8	3	1	4	7	6	2	9	5
9	7	5	3	2	1	6	4	8
2	5	8	7	3	4	9	1	6
4	6	9	5	1	8	7	2	3
3	1	7	2	6	9	8	5	4

ALPHA TRIANGLE
M, Em, Men,
Mine, Mince,
Came in,
Cinemas.

GO FIGURE
Easy
6 – 8 + 9 – 5 = 2
Medium
5 – 2 + 7 + 5 = 13
Hard
3 + 6 x 1 + 3 = 12

LOOP

KAKURO

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Farhan in Marvel Studios flick
Actor-filmmaker Farhan Akhtar will be making an appearance in "Ms Marvel", the first Muslim superhero series from Marvel Studios

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Paint the town red

Actors who take red hot dressing to another level

Audrey Hepburn once said, "There is a shade of red for every woman," and these Bollywood divas are the living proof of that. While the red colour goes back in history, it is fair to say that it is never getting dull and boring. For every woman who wants to make a statement, red is definitely the go-to colour! A lady in red never fails to be out of trend. A lady in red never fails to impress! Check out these wonderful ladies who managed to steal hearts in the iconic red dress.

Disha Patani

Disha has always made it a point to slay with all her looks. In this dress, the actress is seen donning a bodycon ensemble as she posed for the pictures. She paired her dress with high heels and a simple chain with a heart pendant.

Ananya Panday

This Bollywood Diva looks like a heartthrob in this stunning fiery red satin silk spaghetti strap dress. With this drooping neckline and mid-rise hem length, Ananya has outdone herself in this impressive red dress.

Sobhita Dhulipala

Recently, Sobhita painted an event red as she slipped into this sequined gown dress. This sparkling outfit with wide straps and a plunging square neckline makes her one of the bold types! With hair styled short and curls left open, Sobhita Dhulipal is definitely a force to reckon with when it comes to fashion!

Katrina Kaif

The newly wedded Katrina Kaif has been perfecting red since the time the audience has known her. Katrina looks elegant in this gorgeous red dress. Red is a classic and Kat surely knows how to pull it off in the right way!

Sara Ali Khan

Pataudi royalty Sara Ali Khan looks elegant as she slips into this short businesslike suit. This is not the first time Sara has donned red like a pro, she often exerts power every time she wears red.

In pursuit of perfection

SS Rajamouli says he strives to achieve perfectionism in his films, even though he knows that nothing can ever be perfect in life. Rajamouli, who recently delivered yet another blockbuster with his period epic movie 'RRR', said he has certain shortcomings as a director which he often encounters during the shooting of a movie.

"People term me as a perfectionist because I take so much time (to make a film) but I am far from it. I would like everything to be perfect. You can get closer to perfect but nothing can ever be perfect," Rajamouli said.

The director was speaking at a session on Friday with veteran actor Anupam Kher during the Times Network Leadership Summit, hosted at the ongoing Goa Fest 2022.

Rajamouli, who has hits like 'Magadheera', 'Eega' and two 'Baahubali' movies to his credits, recalled how he got his first break into filmmaking with 2001 Telugu movie 'Student No 1'.

He said that since he hadn't worked as an assistant director on any film, his shortcoming is in "basic shot making".

"For example, when I made my first film 'Student No 1', I did not know how to use a crane. Likewise, I still don't know what shot exactly gives me what I need," Rajamouli added. The director said that there are so many things during shooting that leaves him indecisive.

"There are thousands of options that go through my mind, I don't know which is the right thing to do," he said, adding that there are some filmmakers who are very clear and confident about what they want. When asked about how he deals with the actors in his movies,

Rajamouli said that during his initial days of career, he used to have a clear cut idea of how an actor should perform a particular emotion. "I was very adamant on how they should sit, how they should perform. Slowly I realised that all my actors are looking the same. All my actors were imitating what I was doing. "Then I thought, why do I go to a particular actor? (It is) because he has a specific ability. Then I started hammering emotion into the actor. Now we have started workshops before the shooting," Rajamouli said.

The filmmaker's latest movie "RRR" was released countrywide in March this year in Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, and Hindi.

A pre-Independence fictional story, the film featured Ram Charan and N T Rama Rao Jr as Indian revolutionaries Alluri Sitarama Raju and Komaram Bheem, respectively. **-PTI**